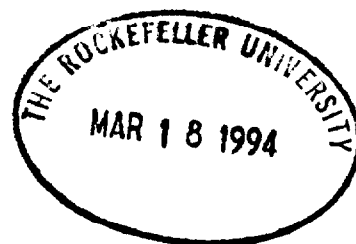




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Dear Dr. Lederberg,



Over the past several years, Bernie Davis waged a courageous battle with cancer. On January 14th, at the age of 78, Bernie passed away.

As you well know, Bernie, a pioneer in bacterial genetics research, enjoyed a long and illustrious career, highlighted by his discoveries concerning how genes are regulated in bacteria. He was among the first to use penicillin to isolate mutants; he and his collaborators also discovered crucial aspects of the ways that bacteria synthesize proteins and develop resistance to drugs and on the ways that streptomycin and other antibiotics kill bacteria. Along the way, Bernie Davis trained many scientists whose work continues to break new ground.

Several years ago, when Bernie Davis retired, a fellowship was established in his name. More than \$65,000 has been raised with initial gifts. As former students, friends and/or colleagues of Bernie, we believe there can be no better way to honor Bernie's memory, than to complete the fundraising for The Bernard D. Davis Fellowship Fund. On May 1st, there will be a memorial service for Bernie Davis at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. On that day, we would like to be able to announce that we had raised another \$200,000. The Bernie Davis Fellow would be selected among postdoctoral fellows in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at Harvard Medical School.

Please join us in creating a lasting endowment in Bernie's name. Your generous contribution, payable to The Bernard D. Davis Fellowship Fund, will help us reach our goal.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bernard Fields

Alexander Rich

Porter Anderson